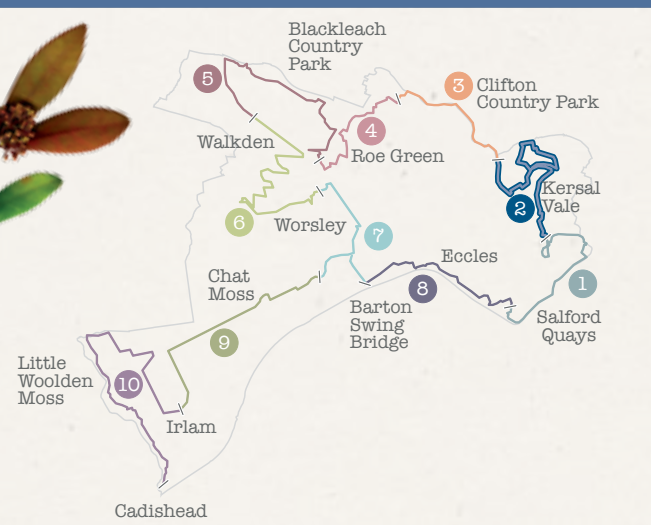


The Salford Trail is a new, long distance walk of about 50 miles/80 kilometres and entirely within the boundaries of the City of Salford. The route is varied, going through rural areas and green spaces, with a little road walking in between. Starting from the cityscape of Salford Quays, the Trail passes beside rivers and canals, through country parks, fields, woods and moss lands. It uses footpaths, tracks and disused railway lines known as 'loop lines'. The Trail circles around to pass through Kersal, Agecroft, Walkden, Boothstown and Worsley before heading off to Chat Moss. The Trail returns to Salford Quays from the historic Barton swing bridge and aqueduct.



The map above shows the full Salford Trail route in relation to Salford's boundary. The route highlighted and marked as number two refers to the route from Peel Park to Kersal.

The Trail has been divided into sections, each accessible by public transport. There is a leaflet for each section describing the route and giving the transport options. These leaflets are available from your local Gateway Centre or you can download them from the website visitsalford.info/thesalfordtrail



LOOK OUT FOR THE SALFORD TRAIL WAYMARKER.



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The new way to find direct bus services to where you want to go is Route Explorer.

 **Route Explorer** | tfgm.com/route-explorer
Access it wherever you are.

Start of walk	
Bus Number	8, 26, 34-37
Bus stop location	Salford Crescent
Train	Salford Crescent
During the walk	
Bus Number	96, 97, 98, X41, X43
Bus stop location	Bury New Road
End of walk	
Bus Number	92, 93, 95
Bus stop location	Littleton Road Post Office

MORE INFORMATION

For information on any changes in the route please go to visitsalford.info/thesalfordtrail

For background on the local history that you will come across on the trail or for information on wildlife please go to thesalfordtrail.btck.co.uk

WALK 2



Route A. 5 miles/8km, about 2.5 hours
Route B. 3 miles/5km, about 1.5 hours

PEEL PARK TO KERSAL

Starting at Salford Museum and Art Gallery this section follows the River Irwell through Kersal Vale and includes a walk around Kersal Moor.



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MAP AND DIRECTIONS

Facing the Salford Museum and Art Gallery turn right and walk along to the end of the building and turn left, passing through a barrier and carry on to go down the steps into Peel Park. Walk through the Park to the column marking historic flood levels and turn right along the path towards the river. Walk along the riverside path to Frederick Road, cross the road and then turn right, crossing the river using the road bridge. Immediately after crossing the river, turn left onto a clearly marked footpath following the river, with the river on your left.

At the end of the short path turn left crossing over a footbridge and turn right along a footpath alongside a housing estate. There are information boards here and children's decorations on the path. Follow this path with the river on your right till you get to the next road, Cromwell Road. Cross over Cromwell Road and go through the gate opposite. Go along the path to enter the new flood defence area which is on the site of the old racecourse. Carry on along the path which rises to meet the higher path that encircles the flood basin. Continue on this until you see a metal bridge spanning the river. (You may like to deviate slightly to ascend the man made knoll for a good view of the area).

Cross over the bridge. **There are 2 options here. A. Kersal Vale and Moor** or **B. Short route back to Littleton Road**

A. Taking in Kersal Vale and Moor this is a longer route (an extra 2 miles). Take the path towards an open space keeping right, parallel to the river. Carry on until you see a boardwalk which crosses the boggy ground. During the recent floods of 2015/16 this area of Kersal Vale was covered due to its low lying nature at the side of the river, a few lengths of boardwalk were washed away, but the surface beneath it is firm and no lasting problem was caused. However the river did bring down lots of debris and dumped it on an area that is normally a beauty spot and a natural asset to the city. Take extra care along this area. It is suggested that you take the path going left (about 50m from the open space) up to a junction with a small stream at the side. Turn right and take the right fork and immediately after 2 wooden benches turn left uphill. At the top of the

hill turn right and continue climbing to come out on Bury New Road where you turn left. Keep on Bury New Road till you reach Blackfield Lane where you turn left. At the end of Blackfield Lane cross the road and continue ahead into North Blackfield Lane. At the end of this road, cross Neville Road into Moorside Road. At the end of Moorside Road you come to a T Junction with Moor Lane and a church in front of you. Cross Moor Lane and turn left. Continue past the front of the church until you come to some open land, Kersal Moor, turn right onto the footpath leading onto the Moor.

The official route follows the edge of Kersal Moor so you follow the path down the side of the church yard and at the end turn left and go as far as you can, then follow the path back round to the left which will eventually bring you back to Moor Lane.

There is an alternative route which is more attractive that goes across the top of the Moor; simply follow any of the footpaths that lead away from the church. Eventually you come out again on Moor Lane.

As you come out onto Moor Lane you will see Oaklands Road opposite. Walk down this road until you come to Christy Lane, a new housing development. On the opposite side of the road there is a path rising up to the left along some railings. The path is very indistinct at first. The grassy path then descends back towards the river. At the bottom of the hill you will see some flats. Ignore the path off to the left and go straight ahead through a cycle gate. Carry on this path back to the river and the humpbacked bridge. Here you can follow route B.

B. Short route back to Littleton Road. Having come across the bridge turn left and continue along the top bank of the river. After a short distance you will see gates and a path off to the right leading to some houses. Take this path onto the road, Rushley Avenue. Follow this road, along the line of the river to the end, and turn right into Northallerton road, to reach Littleton Road.

